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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.

801.0004

First Inventor

Bob M. Dobbins

Title

Methods and Apparatus for an. . .

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **21**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **4**]
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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Computer Program (Appendix)
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
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17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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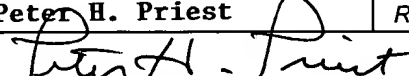
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	
Filing Date	<b>September 21, 2001</b>
First Named Inventor	<b>Bob M. Dobbins</b>
Examiner Name	
Group Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	<b>801.0004</b>

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		101	710	Utility filing fee	<b>355</b>
		106	320	Design filing fee	
		107	490	Plant filing fee	
		108	710	Reissue filing fee	
		114	150	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**355**

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
<b>73</b>	-20** = <b>53</b>	X <b>9</b>	= <b>477</b>
<b>13</b>	-3** = <b>10</b>	X <b>40</b>	= <b>400</b>
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
		103	18	Claims in excess of 20
		102	80	Independent claims in excess of 3
		104	270	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
		109	80	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
		110	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**877**

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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